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U.S. REP. KEVIN MCCARTHY ON CAMPUS LAST FRIDAY MARCH 13

Congressman Kevin McCarthy (R-Bakersfield) took time out from Washington, D.C. to tour Cal Poly March 13 and learn about university projects, faculty, students and its historic 'learn by doing' approach. Congressman McCarthy is the Chief Deputy Minority Whip in the House of Representatives and represents California's 22nd Congressional District, which includes parts of the Central Coast. He toured the Cal Poly Center for Excellence in Science and Mathematics Education with its director Susan Elrod. McCarthy also met with College of Engineering Dean Mohammad Noori and Cal Poly President Warren J. Baker.

[Read More on McCarthy's tour of campus](#)

FREE INTER-DEPARTMENT ENVELOPES AVAILABLE

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your regular campus mail. Contact Tina Creel at ext. 6-1493 or via e-mail at tcreel@calpoly.edu to order envelopes.

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS FOR 2009 ANNOUNCED

The Women's and Gender Studies Department announces the following 2009 scholarship recipients: Devin Murphy (Psychology/Child Development), Susan Currier Memorial Scholarship; Amy Hart (Political Science), James M. Duenow Scholarship; Alyssa Daw (Software Engineering), Vicki and Darell Farrer Scholarship; Lauren Rabaino (Journalism), Steve Harmon Scholarship; Krystin Thomas (Business Administration), L. Diane Ryan Scholarship; Christine Marin (Art and Design), Nell E. Spradlin Scholarship for the Recognition of Individuality; and Krystin Thomas (Business Administration), Dr. Shirley H. Walker Scholarship. For information about these scholarships, visit <http://www.cla.calpoly.edu/wgs/scholarships.html>.

STUDENTS, PROFS SPENDING SPRING BREAK MAPPING MALTA WITH ROBOTS

Six Cal Poly students will be heading to Malta during spring break – March 20-29 – for the first-ever International Computer Engineering eXchange (ICEX) program. The program, and the trip to Malta, is part of a collaborative effort between Cal Poly's Computer Engineering Program and various international partners.

Accompanied by Assistant Professor Chris Clark (Computer Engineering) and Christine Victorino (lecturer, Center for Teaching and Learning), the students will map ancient water storage systems (cisterns) using underwater robots. The mapping is part of an archeological expedition with the Aurora Special Purpose Trust and the University of Malta.

BLACKBOARD UNAVAILABLE DURING UPGRADE MARCH 24-29

The Blackboard learning management system will be unavailable from 5 p.m., Tuesday, March 24, through Sunday, March 29, to complete a software upgrade. Faculty who require access to Blackboard Gradebook information March 24-29 should download it before 5 p.m. March 24. Any attempts to update courses or grades during the outage will not be saved. Details about "What's New," and Gradebook download instructions are located on the Blackboard Support Site at <http://blackboardsupport.calpoly.edu>. While the look, feel and functionality of Blackboard 8 will be familiar to current users, video tutorials will be provided for relevant topics after March 29.

PRESENTER WILL CHANGE YOUR OUTLOOK – MARCH 26

Human Resources will host Paul Wesselmann during an hour-long motivational presentation on Thursday, March 26, from 11 a.m. to noon in Phillips Hall in the Performing Arts Center. This event is at no cost to employees.

Wesselmann is known as one of the warmest and wildest trainers in the country. He will spend an hour talking to staff and faculty about how maintain their sanity under stressful work conditions. The goal is have participants leave the presentation with renewed passion for their work and practical ideas for dealing daily stressors.

Wesselmann who holds degrees in higher education and psychology, has transformed his work at several colleges and non profits into a full-time job helping higher education professionals be more effective in their work and life. For more information on Wesselmann and his messages, visit <http://PaulWesselmann.com> .

Seating is limited. RSVP via e-mail to Karen Stubberfield in Human Resources at kstubber@calpoly.edu by March 24.

DEADLINE FOR EFI PROPOSALS IS MARCH 30

The Extramural Funding Initiative (EFI) provides support to assist faculty in submitting competitive proposals for extramural funding. Deadline for proposal submissions for awards of mini-grants, assigned time and summer compensation for the next academic year is 5 p.m. Monday, March 30. For full application and submission instructions, visit the Research and Graduate Programs Web site at <http://www.rgp.calpoly.edu> or call the RGP office at ext. 6-1508.

ZIMBRA CALENDAR IS COMING: OPEN FORUM APRIL 3

The next step in the campus transition to Zimbra Collaboration Suite is the move from Oracle Calendar to Zimbra Calendar during the weekend of April 18-19. Information Technology Services will host an open forum Friday, April 3, 9 to 10:30 a.m. in Phillips Hall in the Performing Arts Center. Individual and managed (designate) calendar use will be demonstrated in the Zimbra web client. Users who want a head start can visit the Zimbra calendar information page at <http://email.calpoly.edu/zcalendar.html> for video tutorials, guides, information on accessing the test calendar, and signing up for calendar training.

WOMENS' SPORTS, TITLE IX TOPIC OF APRIL 7 LECTURE

The Cal Poly Women's and Gender Studies lecture series at the San Luis Obispo Public Library Continues Tuesday, April 7. "Title IX: History, Impact, and Implications for Girls and Women in Sport," is the topic of the fourth lecture by Kinesiology Professor Camille O'Bryant. The event is free and open to the public and begins at 6 p.m. at the library, at the corner of Palm and Osos streets in San Luis Obispo. Visit, http://www.cla.calpoly.edu/wgs/pub_lib.html for more information.

CHICANA LATINO FACULTY STAFF ASSOCIATION TO HOST DANIEL SOLÓRZANO APRIL 24

Daniel Solórzano, professor in Social Sciences and Comparative Education at the UCLA Graduate School of Education and Information Studies, will speak on campus as part of the Colloquium Speaker Series sponsored by the Chicana Latino Faculty Staff Association (CLFSA) on Friday, April 24, in Phillips Hall from 3:30 to 5 p.m.. His talk will focus on Latinos in higher education.

Solórzano is the associate director the UCLA Chicano Studies Research Center and the associate director of the University of California All Campus Consortium on Research for Diversity (UC ACCORD), an interdisciplinary, multi-campus research center devoted to a more equitable distribution of educational resources and opportunities in California's public schools and universities. He has published numerous research articles, book chapters and reports.

CSU SYMPOSIUM ON UNIVERSITY TEACHING IS MAY 2

Cal Poly and the Center for Teaching and Learning (CTL) will host the 12th CSU Regional Symposium on University Teaching on Saturday, May 2, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. in the Kennedy Library. The peer-reviewed conference for teaching and learning provides individuals an opportunity to interact with faculty who are committed to excellence in teaching across the CSU system. Registration closes April 1 and is \$25. The fee is waived for Cal Poly faculty. For more information or to register, visit <http://www.ctl.calpoly.edu/symposium/index.html> .

STATE EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

The official listing of staff and management vacancies is posted at <http://calpolyjobs.org>. To apply, go online and complete the application form. For assistance, call Human Resources at ext. 6-2236.

This Internal Recruitment Is Open to Cal Poly Employees Only (State, Corporation, and ASI)

#101876–Administrative Support Coordinator I, College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences, Horticulture and Crop Science, \$2,808-\$4,212/month. Closes: March 23.

#101887–Mustang '60 Technician, Equipment Technician II - Electro-Mechanical, College of Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, \$3,698 - \$5,546/month. Closes: March 27.

#101890 – On-Call Groundworker , Pool Position, Administration & Finance, Facility Services, Temporary On-Call through June 30, \$15.58-\$23.37/hour. Open until filled. Review begins: March 27.

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